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LOK SABHA

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Facilities for Immigrants
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of refugees/immigrants from Pakistan staying in different parts of the country since 1947, State-wise;

(b) the details of the facilities being given to the said immigrants who are staying in the State of Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) whether the Government proposes to set up a separate Development Board for the immigrants from Pakistan occupied Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Home Affairs
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)

(a): Since 1947, about 1,00,18,173 displaced persons had migrated from Pakistan (both erstwhile West Pakistan and East Pakistan) to India and had settled in different States of the country. The State wise distribution of migrant population is given at Annexure I.

(b): About 47,215 said migrants from erstwhile West Pakistan are settled in the State of Jammu and Kashmir after partition in 1947. These refugees occupied Government lands/ Evacuee Property lands. These lands were allowed to be retained by them up to 8 acres of irrigated land and 12 acres of un-irrigated land by the State Government.

(c) & (d): No Madam, The Central Government and the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir have no proposal to set up a separate Development Board for the displaced persons from Pakistan Occupied Kashmir. There is already a separate organisation, headed by the Provincial Rehabilitation Officer, Jammu functioning under the State Government to provide rehabilitation assistance to these displaced persons.
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